

as may be submitted to them as to the cause of such fire, and shall then be required to give an unanimous verdict in respect thereof. And that such Jury shall, in case such fire be proved by their verdict to have arisen from accidental circumstances, then proceed to assess and determine according to the best of their ability, the value of such building, and of all or any other property consumed by such fire. And that no public subscription for relief of, or compensation to the owner or owners of such building and property be made, unless by or with the consent and approbation of such Jury. And that the amount of such subscriptions to be paid to the owner or owners of such house, shall not exceed the assessed value of such building and property. And that the surplus of such subscriptions, after payment of such assessed value, shall be returned to the subscriber *pro rata*.

No. 9.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, LOWER WAIKATO, TO THE HONORABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

Te Kohekohe, Lower Waikato,
19th June, 1862.

SIR,—

Referring to my letter of the 6th March last, addressed to the Honble. the Attorney-General, respecting the suspension of Tipene Hori Aripata, as Upoko or Warden of the Hundred of Kohekohe, on account of immorality, I have the honor to inform you that the Runanga has nominated Puteruka Te Nokore in his stead, and that I approve of such nomination. If his appointment be approved of by His Excellency, I have to request you would forward him a warrant of his appointment, to be dated 1st April last.

I should recommend that the other Warden of this Hundred—Noa Te Tawharu—be requested to resign his office, and another Warden appointed in his place, as (beyond accepting his salary) he has never performed any of the duties of his office, though cautioned by me personally and by letter, and also received repeated cautions from W. Te Wheoro, the chief Assessor of the Hundred.

I have also to recommend that the Resident Magistrate, or Civil Commissioner of the district, be supplied with about a dozen small account books for the use of the respective Assessors, in order to keep a proper account of all fines and monies received by them officially. At present these accounts are kept on scraps of paper, which are liable to be lost or destroyed. The cost of a few pence for each book would remedy this, and such books cannot be obtained here.

I have, &c.,

JAMES ARMITAGE.

The Honble. the Native Minister.

No. 10.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE, LOWER WAIKATO, TO THE HONORABLE THE NATIVE MINISTER.

Resident Magistrate's Office,
Lower Waikato, 26th June, 1862.

SIR,—

I have the honor to forward you two original letters received by me this day. And also translations thereof annexed.

The writer of one is Winitana Nga Pu the person whom I temporarily appointed as second Assessor at the Meeting at Kahumatuku on the 13th instant and who went to visit his relatives at Tamahere (Wm. Thompson's residence) after such meeting.

The writer of the other letter is unknown to me, but I am informed he is a member of the Ngatihaua tribe in Upper Waikato District.

I have, &c.,

J. ARMITAGE.

The Honorable the Native Minister.

Enclosure 1 to No. 10.

Tamahere, Ngawahi o Makiri,
June 21st, 1862.

FRIEND,—

Salutations to you, and our friends, who uphold good works—attend to my information. Hakiriwhi and I have consulted together respecting our good works, he has wondered at this system; this man is a large land owner, breeds sheep and cattle, and cultivates a farm. They have all agreed to be added unto us; the words which were expressed in my presence were words of consent to the Queen and the Government, that they will adhere to the Government to protect them and their property. The purpose of which is to live peaceably and prosper.